The principles espoused by The Steamboat Institute are:

- Limited taxation and fiscal responsibility
- Limited government
- Free market capitalism
- Individual rights and responsibilities
- Strong national defense
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Here at The Steamboat Institute, we are Defenders of Freedom and Advocates of Liberty. We believe that America is a great nation because of our people not because of our government.

The Steamboat Institute promotes America’s first principles and inspires active involvement in the defense of liberty. Though we were founded in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in 2008, The Steamboat Institute is not a place … it’s an idea — an idea that provides educational tools, information and inspiration to those who hold our founding principles dear.

Limited government, limited taxation and free market capitalism, individual rights and responsibilities, and strong national defense — these are the principles which have made America the greatest nation on Earth!

We take seriously the concept that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction, and we intend to make sure that America grows stronger during our watch.

We create programs and initiatives to ensure America’s freedom for future generations. Our Annual Freedom Conference brings Americans together to discuss the top issues facing the nation.

Our Campus Liberty Tour and Emerging Leaders Council allow us to reach the next generation with common sense ideas and the tools to be advocates of liberty in their communities. Our Tony Blankley Fellows are fighting the mainstream narratives in the media to reach millions of Americans with a message of hope for the future of our country.

Our events are tremendously popular because they provide unique opportunities for people to have direct and personal contact with nationally recognized leaders in conservative thought and policy. This is an essential component in our fight for freedom.

When we started The Steamboat Institute in 2008, it was out of genuine concern for the future of our country. The Steamboat Institute has succeeded beyond anything we could have imagined. We have found that there is a tremendous desire by many Americans to make a difference in their communities, their states and our nation.
“Radio station said the pantsuit tweet was ‘racist’”

This headline on Tucker Carlson Tonight, which featured Steamboat Institute’s Tony Blankley Senior Fellow Amber Athey, sums up the descent into nonsense that is America’s current state of public discourse.

In contrast to this nonsense, Steamboat Institute proudly led the way in 2022 as a shining example of how civilized debate and discourse – of even the most contentious issues – is not only possible but is also essential to maintaining our democratic republic.

Did you know that there is “no room for debate on climate change” (according to some of the leading “climate experts”)? Well, neither did we! In 2022, Steamboat Institute’s Campus Liberty Tour featured five robust debates on climate science and the rush to net zero in greenhouse gas emissions. Without exception, students on college campuses show an eagerness to listen to both sides and to change their opinions in favor of policies which favor individual freedom, when presented with reasoned discussions of these hot topics.

In March 2022, Steamboat Institute hosted a 2-day summit in Steamboat Springs on “The Nexus of U.S. Energy Policy, Climate Science, Freedom and Prosperity.” Unlike the annual global climate summit hosted by the U.N., our Energy/Climate Summit featured actual climate scientists and a tour of a working coal mine which powers an adjacent generating station. We were proud that C-Span featured a 4-hour program, which included speakers and panels from this Summit.

In August 2022, Steamboat Institute returned to beautiful Beaver Creek, Colorado, for our 14th Annual Freedom Conference, drawing hundreds of citizen leaders from across America. This inspiring weekend featured Country music superstar and entrepreneur John Rich, our 70th

U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo, and 30 young leaders (ages 20-29) who attended on scholarships funded by our generous donors. Imagine the impact on these young leaders when they get to meet and mingle one-on-one with these influential and inspiring leaders!

An outgrowth of the Freedom Conference Scholarship Program is our growing network of influential young leaders who make up Steamboat Institute’s Emerging Leaders Council. In October 2022, we hosted our 2nd Annual ELC Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. It was inspiring to see these young leaders practicing on-camera media interviews, learning how to write and pitch op-eds, and developing a deeper understanding of and appreciation for America’s founding principles. I hope you will take a moment to view our list of 30 (and growing!) ELC members who hail from 17 states!

We can’t maintain our democratic republic without citizens and leaders capable of civilized debate and critical thinking. As the Denver Gazette Editorial Board noted in an op-ed on political divisions, “Colorado’s Steamboat Institute – a respected convener of public policy debates on some of the most superheated issues of our time – has been doing its part to bridge gaps rather than burn bridges. The Institute’s signature debates showcase some of the keenest and most informed minds; instead of inciting a riot – they provoke thought.”

As we enter our 15th year in 2023, Steamboat Institute will continue to rise above the nonsense and lead the way for those who love freedom and are fearless in defending it. We invite you to join us.

Jennifer Schubert-Akin
Chairman, CEO and Co-founder
The Steamboat Institute
Since 2018, Steamboat Institute has fearlessly entered the lion’s den of college campuses with compelling debates on the most important issues facing our nation today, engaging conservatives, liberals and centrists. Our focus is on teaching students – and all who attend – how to think, not what to think.

Steamboat Institute’s Campus Liberty Tour is a shining example of robust but civilized debate, with an emphasis on critical thinking skills. We cannot maintain our democratic republic without a populace capable of critical thinking and civilized discourse. With our Campus Liberty Tour debates, Steamboat Institute aims to address this problem.

In 2022, Steamboat Institute hosted five debates on college campuses around the country on one key issue: Climate Change and the Energy Crisis. While finding a debater to advocate for freedom and limited government is easy, finding an opponent has become increasingly difficult. Steamboat Institute applauds those who are willing to engage in robust civil debate and will continue to give both sides a fair and balanced platform to make their case.

After each debate Steamboat Institute publishes pre-and post-debate polling data. This data clearly shows that student minds are changed to favor freedom after attending these debates.

“We want each and every one of our students to be critical thinkers, not to be preached at from a podium and told what to think. We encourage curiosity and civilized conversation, and we want our students to look at evidence and make their own interpretations after asking tough questions.”

– Prabudev Konana, Dean of the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland, in opening remarks at Campus Liberty Tour debate on October 25, 2022
CAMPUS LIBERTY TOUR SCHEDULE

Question debated:
“SHOULD AMERICA RAPIDLY ELIMINATE FOSSIL FUEL USE TO PREVENT CLIMATE CATASTROPHE?”

March 1
University of Miami | Miami, FL
In-Person Attendance: 100
Moderated by Jillian Melchior – Editorial Board Member, The Wall Street Journal; Former Tony Blankley Fellow, Steamboat Institute

FEATURING
» Alex Epstein – President and Founder of the Center for Industrial Progress, Author of The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels
» General Wesley K. Clark (ret.) – Chairman and CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates; Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

Total Combined Online Views: 10,000

March 2
University of Colorado Boulder | Boulder, CO
In-Person Attendance: 100
Moderated by Amber Athey – Washington Editor, Spectator USA; Tony Blankley Senior Fellow, Steamboat Institute

FEATURING
» Alex Epstein – President and Founder of the Center for Industrial Progress, Author of The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels
» General Wesley K. Clark (ret.) – Chairman and CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates; Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

CAMPUS LIBERTY TOUR WATCH PARTIES

In 2022, Steamboat Institute saw an increased demand for debates across the country. Because we are unable to reach every campus in person, we launched Watch Parties to reach more students with each debate. Watch Party participants receive a private viewing link to screen the debate on their campus to a student group, alumni organization, or others. Attendees can participate in the pre- and post-debate polling and ask the debaters questions via QR code.

The first Watch Party, held at Colorado Mesa University to view the October 27th Oklahoma State debate, featured 40 students from CMU’s Energy Management and Landman Club. The students were so engaged that they remained for an hour afterward to discuss the ideas debated.

If you would like more information on how you can host a CLT Watch Party, please contact Campus Liberty Tour Coordinator, Daniel Wagner at Daniel@steamboatinstitute.org.
Resolution debated:
“CLIMATE SCIENCE COMPELS US TO MAKE LARGE AND RAPID REDUCTIONS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.”

October 25
University of Maryland
College Park, MD
In-Person Attendance: 200
Moderated by Sarah Westwood – Investigative reporter, Washington Examiner; Tony Blankley Fellow, Steamboat Institute

FEATURING
» Steven E. Koonin, Ph.D. – Author of Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn’t, and Why It Matters; Former Undersecretary for Science, U.S. Department of Energy
» Daniel Schrag, Ph.D. – Director of the Center for the Environment, Harvard University

October 26
University of Dallas | Irving, TX
In-Person Attendance: 100
Moderated by Tom Rogan – Commentary Editor and Foreign Policy Writer, Washington Examiner; Tony Blankley Senior Fellow, Steamboat Institute

FEATURING
» Steven E. Koonin, Ph.D. – Author of Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn’t, and Why It Matters; Former Undersecretary for Science, U.S. Department of Energy
» Gernot Wagner, Ph.D. – Climate economist, Columbia Business School; co-author of Climate Shock; author of Geoengineering: The Gamble

October 27
Oklahoma State University, Hamm Institute of American Energy, Oklahoma City, OK
In-Person Attendance: 150
Moderated by Philip Wegmann – White House Reporter, Real Clear Politics; Tony Blankley Senior Fellow, Steamboat Institute

FEATURING
» Steven E. Koonin, Ph.D. – Author of Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn’t, and Why It Matters; Former Undersecretary for Science, U.S. Department of Energy
» Andrew Dessler, Ph.D. – Professor of Atmospheric Science, Texas A&M University

Total Combined Online Views: 26,000
CAMPUS LIBERTY TOUR ADVISORY BOARD

- Rajshree Agarwal – Director, The Ed Snider Center for Enterprise and Markets, Robert H. Smith School of Business – University of Maryland
- William B. Allen – Emeritus Dean and Professor, Michigan State University
- Brian Domitrovic – Senior Associate, Laffer Center for Supply-Side Economics
- Joshua Dunn – Executive Director, Institute of American Civics, University of Tennessee Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy
- Christina Elson – Executive Director, Center for the Study of Capitalism – Wake Forest University
- Lauren Golem – J.D., University of Colorado Boulder School of Law, 2020
- Robert Kaufman – Professor, Public Policy – Pepperdine University
- Hadley Heath Manning – Vice President of Policy, Independent Women’s Forum; Tony Blankley Senior Fellow, Steamboat Institute
- Jacqueline Pfeffer Merrill – Director, Campus Free Expression Project – Bipartisan Policy Center
- Judi Newman – Board of Trustees, University of Miami
- Jason Riley – Member of The Wall Street Journal Editorial Board; Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute
- Ilya Shapiro – Senior Fellow and Director of Constitutional Studies for The Manhattan Institute
- Tina Snider – Executive Director, Tina Snider Foundation; Advisory Board, Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization - University of Colorado
- Matthew Spalding – Kirby Professor, Constitutional Government; Dean, Van Andel Graduate School of Government – Hillsdale, Washington, D.C.; Board of Directors, Steamboat Institute.
- Ted Trimpa – Principal and CEO, Trimpa Group
- Brandon Van Dyck – Assistant professor, Government and Law – Lafayette College; founder and president, The Mill Series – Lafayette College
- Derek Wagner – Vice President, Intergovernmental and Community Affairs – Colorado Mesa University

The Steamboat Institute

CAMPUS LIBERTY TOUR

Elevating the Debate
14TH ANNUAL FREEDOM CONFERENCE

August 26-27, 2022
Park Hyatt, Beaver Creek, CO
Attendance: 370

Feature Keynote Speaker:
John Rich, Country Music Star and Entrepreneur

Country music star and entrepreneur John Rich performs at the Keynote Dinner of the 14th Annual Freedom Conference.

Freedom Conference attendees at the Keynote Reception on the Park Hyatt Lawn.
Steamboat Institute’s 14th Annual Freedom Conference returned to beautiful Beaver Creek, CO, for another inspiring, thought-provoking, and entertaining weekend. The breathtaking setting allowed for attendees and speakers to retreat into the Colorado Rockies for robust discussions on the state of the Supreme Court, the threat of China, cancel culture, school safety, the energy crisis, and much more.

Featured speakers at the 14th Annual Freedom Conference included:

» John Rich – Country Music Superstar and Entrepreneur
» Michael R. Pompeo – 70th Secretary of State
» Charles Payne – Host of “Making Money with Charles Payne” on Fox Business Network
» U.S. Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) – Member of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
» Ilya Shapiro – Senior Fellow and Director of Constitutional Studies at the Manhattan Institute
» Wilfred McClay, Ph.D. – Victor Davis Hanson Chair in Classical History and Western Civilization at Hillsdale College
» Jillian Kay Melchior – Editorial Board Member, The Wall Street Journal
» Kevin Stitt – Governor of Oklahoma
» Kenneth Wagner – Executive Director of the Hamm Institute for American Energy
TONY BLANKLEY FELLOWSHIP FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM

Sarah onstage with Lynda Davis, Tony Blankley’s widow, at the 2022 Freedom Conference surrounded by past winners Hadley Heath Manning, Jillian Kay Melchior, Amber Athey, Philip Wegmann, and Carrie Sheffield.

2022-23 Fellow

SARAH WESTWOOD

In 2022, Steamboat Institute was proud to award the 10th Tony Blankley Fellowship to Sarah Westwood, political and investigative reporter for the Washington Examiner. Prior to joining the Washington Examiner, Sarah was a White House reporter for CNN. She was also a Robert Novak journalism fellow at The Fund for American Studies and is a graduate of the National Journalism Center fellowship program. Sarah attended George Washington University. This talented young journalist embodies the wit and good humor that Tony Blankley possessed, while always keeping focus on individual liberty and the proper role of government.
ABOUT THE TONY BLANKLEY FELLOWSHIP

The Tony Blankley Fellowship for Public Policy and American Exceptionalism was established by The Steamboat Institute to provide high-profile recognition and financial support to emerging conservative thought leaders who share the principles and ideals espoused by the late Tony Blankley and The Steamboat Institute. Those principles are limited taxation and fiscal responsibility, limited government, free market capitalism, individual rights and responsibilities, and strong national defense.

Tony Blankley (1948-2012) was editorial page editor of The Washington Times. He served as press secretary for Newt Gingrich during his tenure as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives in the 1990s. He was also a regular panelist on The McLaughlin Group and later served as Executive Vice President with Edelman public relations in Washington, D.C. Mr. Blankley served as Conference Moderator for the Steamboat Institute’s first three Freedom Conferences (2009, 2010 and 2011).

SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE TONY BLANKLEY FELLOWSHIP ARE:

- Lynda Davis, Ph.D. — widow of Tony Blankley
- Steve Hofman — Consultant; former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor
- Lauren Maddox — Senior Advisor, Holland & Knight, LLP; former Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
- Hadley Heath Manning — Tony Blankley Senior Fellow; Vice President of Policy, Independent Women’s Forum
- Thomas P. McDevitt — Chairman, Board of Directors, The Washington Times
- Ed Meese — 75th Attorney General of the United States
- John O’ Sullivan — British commentator and former speechwriter for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher; Senior Fellow with National Review
- John B. Roberts II — Author, former Reagan White House and Reagan-Bush ’80 and ’84 campaign senior staff; international political consultant
- Tom Rogan — Tony Blankley Senior Fellow; National Security Writer and Online Editor for Washington Examiner
- Matthew J. Spalding — Vice President of Washington Operations and Dean of the Van Andel Graduate School of Government for Hillsdale College in Washington, D.C.
PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE TONY BLANKLEY FELLOWSHIP
FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM

Tom Rogan
awarded 2014
National Security Writer and Online Editor, Washington Examiner

Jillian Melchior
awarded 2015
Editorial Board Member, The Wall Street Journal

Hadley Heath Manning
awarded 2016
Policy Director, Independent Women’s Forum

Kelsey Harkness Bolar
awarded 2017
Investigative Reporter and Documentary Film Producer

Philip Wegmann
awarded 2018
White House Correspondent, Real Clear Politics

Amber Athey
awarded 2019
Washington Editor, Spectator USA

Saagar Enjeti
awarded 2019
Co-host, Breaking Points

Patrice Onwuka
awarded 2020
Political Commentator, Newsmax; Host of “O’Connor and Company” on News Talk 105.9 WMAL, Washington, D.C.

Carrie Sheffield
awarded 2021
Director, Center for the American Worker; Director, Center for American Values at America First Policy Institute
Amber Athey stood strong against cancel culture after a joking Tweet about Vice President Kamala Harris’ attire went viral, landing her a feature on Tucker Carlson.

Hadley Health Manning reported on the FTX scandal and crypto currency regulations on Fox Business Network’s “Making Money with Charles Payne.”

Carrie Sheffield was featured on Newsmax to discuss the ongoing controversy regarding gender after Cambridge Dictionary modified the definitions for “man” and “woman.”

Kelsey Bolar launched a new documentary series, “Identity Crisis,” at Independent Women’s Forum to expose the negative sides of the transgender movement.

Tom Rogan writes for the Washington Examiner on U.S.-China relations following the G-20 Summit in Bali.
EMERGING LEADERS COUNCIL

The Emerging Leaders Council (ELC) is a select group of young professionals from across the U.S. who are rising thought leaders, influencers, and policymakers.

This group includes 30 aspiring writers, educators, business leaders, lawyers, filmmakers, and more. Since 2017, ELC members have been attending the Annual Freedom Conference on scholarship, supporting SI events, writing and publishing op-eds, and changing the hearts and minds of their generation. With the support of The Steamboat Institute, ELC members are trained and educated on founding principles, media and journalism, persuasion, and leadership, allowing them to inspire their peers and create a chain reaction of engaged, liberty-minded citizens.

Areas of Focus

- Education (8) - 24%
- Legal (4) - 12%
- Health Care (4) - 12%
- Energy and Environment (3) - 9%
- Legislation (2) - 6%
- Private Sector (6) - 18%
- Non-Profit (4) - 12%
- Other (2) - 6%

ELC members hail from:

- California
- Colorado
- Iowa
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Oklahoma
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Washington DC
- Virginia
- Wyoming

Graphic of Focus Areas

- Education – 8 / 24%
- Legal – 4 / 12%
- Health Care – 4 / 12%
- Energy and Environment – 3 / 9%
- Legislation – 2 / 6%
- Private Sector – 6 / 18%
- Non-Profit – 4 / 12%
- Other – 2 / 6%
MEET OUR NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

Calvin Blaylock  
Chief of Staff, Invictus Strategies

Chesney Branson  
Human Resources Generalist, Cedar Gate Technologies

Jameson Broggi  
First Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps

Marilyn Broggi  
Ph.D. Candidate, Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia

Michael Caplan  
Program Coordinator, The Public Interest Fellowship

Solomon Chen  
APACS Fellow, House Committee on Education & Labor

Domine Clemons  
Manager of Strategic Partnerships, OptimaEd

Christina Eastman  
M.A. Politics Candidate, Van Andel School of Statesmanship, Hillsdale College

Gabriel Elbert  
Engineer in the Aerospace Industry, ELC Board Liaison

Eve Gersh  
Manager, University of Texas Bee Campus USA Sustainability Program

Lexie Golden  
Post-baccalaureate Research Fellow, National Cancer Institute

Cat Hendrix  
National Alumni Affairs Director, ACE Scholarships

Anthony Jones  
MPA student and Teaching Assistant, Baylor University

Neil Leach  
Acquisition Landman, Rocking WW Minerals

Juliet Lucas  
Film & media student, filmmaker, content creator, Biola University

Carter Mateer  
Consultant, Deloitte Digital

Paula Mateer  
Business Analyst, Deloitte Digital

Lauren McCarthy  
Associate Counsel, Republican National Committee

Peter Nassif  
Staff Functional Consultant, Oracle NetSuite

Anastasia Ratcliff  
Senior Consultant, Oracle Health Science Global Business

Zachary Rogers  
Legislative Staff Member, Arkansas

Kaitlyn Schiraldi  
Attorney, Mountain States Legal Foundation

Bobby Sena  
Rollins Social Impact Hub, Campus Partnership InnovaTAR

Stanton Skerjanec  
Communications Manager, Mountain States Legal Foundation

Marko Sukovic  
Co-founder and General Manager, Surus Illinois

Haley Supergan  
Director of Development, Steamboat Institute

Heidi Thom  
Legislative Correspondent, House of Representatives

Jovan Tripkovic  
Teaching Assistant & Master of Political Science Student, University of Wyoming

Stone Washington  
Research Fellow, Competitive Enterprise Institute

Marley Whittle  
Projects Manager, Member Programs at National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
LIBERTY CHATS

The Liberty Chats Podcast (available wherever you get your podcasts) features 15-30 minute conversations with a variety of experts, leaders, journalists, and policymakers on what liberty means to them. Liberty Chats is produced by ELC members and covers a wide range of topics.

Fun Facts about Liberty Chats:
- Listed in the top 50% of all Buzzsprout Podcasts
- Most popular location to have downloads - Denver, CO
- People in 34 countries have listened to the podcast

Top 5 Episodes of 2022

1. Episode 36: Mollie Ziegler Hemingway
2. Episode 31: Alex Epstein
3. Episode 32: Peter Lee Hamilton
4. Episode 35: Prof. Andrew Dessler
5. Episode 40: Erika Donalds

ELC Alumni Board
Karl Honegger
Senior Accountant, ModivCare
Lindsey Martin
TSET Healthy Living Program Grant Director & Steamboat ELC Coordinator
Matt Melchior
Premium Sales Executive, Denver Broncos
Cody Wisniewski
Senior Attorney for Constitutional Litigation, Firearms Policy Coalition
Emerging Leaders listen to a panel on “How to Create a Compelling Story” with Tony Blankley Senior Fellow Tom Rogan, Tony Blankley Fellow Sarah Westwood, and ELC Alumni Board member Cody Wisniewski.

Emerging Leader Chesney Branson receiving one-on-one media training from District Media Group President, Beverly Hallberg.

SI’s Emerging Leaders spent two inspiring days at the 2nd Annual Leadership Summit at the Kirby Center, home of Hillsdale College’s Van Andel Graduate School of Government, in Washington, D.C. These rising stars learned media skills, studied first principles, practiced persuasion techniques, and made valuable connections.

Speakers at the 2nd Annual Leadership Summit included:
» Newt Gingrich – 50th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
» Rachel Bovard – Senior Director of Policy, Conservative Partnership Institute
» Beverly Hallberg – President, District Media Group
» Matthew Spalding, Ph.D. – Dean, Van Andel Graduate School of Government, Hillsdale College Kirby Center
» Jillian Kay Melchior – Member of the Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal
» Mandy Connell – Host of The Mandy Connell Show, KOA Radio and iHeart Media
» Katie Tubb – Research Fellow in the Center for Energy, Climate, and Environment, The Heritage Foundation

Emerging Leaders with the 50th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, after his remarks at the 2nd Annual Leadership Summit.
THE NEXUS OF U.S. ENERGY POLICY, CLIMATE SCIENCE, FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY

Students attending the Summit on scholarship from Colorado Mesa University tour the Trapper Coal Mine in Craig, CO, to kick off the 2-day Summit.

March 11-12, 2022
Steamboat Springs, CO
Attendance: 200

All Energy and Climate Summit sessions are available on Steamboat Institute's YouTube Channel
Whether it’s bitcoin mining in Iceland, a ranching operation in Texas, or a woman owned business in Ethiopia, the need for affordable, abundant, reliable electricity is critical.

Steamboat Institute hosted The Nexus of U.S. Energy Policy, Climate Science, Freedom and Prosperity to discuss realistic solutions to the energy crisis without bankrupting families and businesses or vastly lowering the standard of living. Well-intended mandates that threaten reliable power sources are too consequential to be enacted as virtue signaling. Steamboat Institute is proud to contribute to the national discourse on this issue and offer substantive debate and discussion.

Featured Speakers at the Summit included:
» Steven E. Koonin, Ph.D. – Author of Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn’t, and Why It Matters
» Alex Epstein – Author of The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels
» Bjorn Lomborg, Ph.D. – President and Founder, Copenhagen Consensus Center; Author of False Alarm: How Climate Change Panic Costs Us Trillions, Hurts the Poor and Fails to Fix the Planet
» Robert Bryce – Author, journalist, podcaster, and film producer
» Patrick Moore, Ph.D. – Co-founder and former President of Greenpeace; Director of the CO2 Coalition
» Blu Hulsey – Senior Vice President of HSE and Government Relations & Regulatory Affairs, Continental Resources
» Jacki Pick Deason – Host and Producer of “The Jacki Daily Show”
» Drew Bond – Co-founder and President, C3 Solutions

Drew Bond, Co-founder and President of C3 Solutions, moderates a panel on “Why an ‘All of the Above’ Energy Strategy, including Oil, Gas, and Coal, is Essential for Freedom, Prosperity, and the Planet,” featuring Aurelia Skipwith Giacometto, 22nd Director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Chris Wright, CEO of Liberty Energy.

Alex Epstein, author of The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels, and Andrew Dessler, Professor of Atmospheric Science at Texas A&M, debate “Should America Rapidly Eliminate Fossil Fuel Use to Prevent Climate Catastrophe?”

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Steamboat Institute Emerging Leaders Council members who attended the Summit on scholarship pose with Keynote Speaker, Dr. Patrick Moore.
COURAGE IN EDUCATION AWARD

The Steamboat Institute established the Courage in Education award to recognize courage and leadership in promoting intellectual diversity and free speech on campus and in advancing conservative thought and policy.

The Courage in Education award is granted each year to an institution, member of academia, or student who demonstrates a commitment to open inquiry, free speech, and intellectual diversity – traditional ideals of higher education that have been usurped in recent years in favor of identity politics and free speech restrictions.

2022 Courage in Education Award Recipient

ILYA SHAPIRO
Senior Fellow and Director of Constitutional Studies,
The Manhattan Institute

At the end of 2021, Ilya was named Executive Director of Georgetown University’s prestigious law school’s Center for the Constitution. Shortly before he was to assume his new position in January 2022, Ilya was placed on administrative leave by the University after he spoke out against President Biden’s statement that his next Supreme Court nomination would be based on race and gender.

Instead of cowering to the University administrators, Ilya spent the next several months being an outspoken warrior for the First Amendment and battling cancel culture. In early June, Georgetown reinstated Ilya but made it clear that he could be subject to further disciplinary action for future statements. Rather than subject his family to continued attacks and to work in a hostile environment, Ilya made the principled decision to step down from his position, taking a courageous stand against a university which seeks to silence diversity of ideology.
“I don’t think of myself as a particularly courageous person – I write and talk for a living – but if refusing to live by the lies of the educational establishment counts as courage these days, then I’m happy to lead the charge into that den of vipers.”

– Ilya Shapiro

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE STEAMBOAT INSTITUTE’S COURAGE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Bruce D. Benson
President of the University of Colorado
2016

Brandon Van Dyck
Assistant Professor of Government & Law, Lafayette College
2017

Wallace D. Loh
President of the University of Maryland
2018

Samuel J. Abrams
Professor, Sarah Lawrence College
2019

Hillsdale College

Jameson Broggi
2nd Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, Advocate for South Carolina REACH Act.
2021

Hillsdale College
Steamboat Institute’s events in 2022 were widely covered by the media, with major stories in Colorado and throughout the nation. This coverage amplified Steamboat Institute’s message to reach millions of readers, viewers, and listeners, with a publicity value of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

**OUR 2022 MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- **C-Span** featured four segments of the Energy and Climate Summit on “Book TV,” reaching 50,000+ Americans with each airing.

- **ABC 7 Denver** covered both the Energy and Climate Summit and the 14th Annual Freedom Conference.

- **Watts Up With That**, the world’s most viewed site on global warming and climate change, covered the Energy and Climate Summit and the Campus Liberty Tour debates.

- **Grand Junction Daily Sentinel** featured an op-ed on the 1st Campus Liberty Tour Watch Party.

- **The Wall Street Journal** published a letter to the editor by Jennifer Schubert-Akin on “Climate Activists Refuse to Make Their Case.”

- **E&E News, Colorado Politics, and Steamboat Pilot** also covered the Energy and Climate Summit.

- **RealClear Politics, Vail Daily, and The Denver Gazette** all covered the 14th Annual Freedom Conference.

- **Townhall** and **Craig Daily Press** covered the Fall 2022 Campus Liberty Tour Energy and Climate debates.

- **Reason Magazine** and **The Wall Street Journal** continued coverage of Colorado Governor Jared Polis saying he thinks the CO state income tax should be zero at the 2021 Freedom Conference.
Regular op-eds were published in Colorado and national newspapers, including on the following topics:

» Common-sense approach to secure our schools
» The importance of robust, civil debate
» Energy policy and skyrocketing prices
» Campus cancel culture

**Combined op-ed reach:** Approximately 4.2 million

**Combined media reach:** Approximately 10 million
SOCIAL MEDIA

2022 Freedom Conference

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Facebook

- Followers: 5462 (+1%)
- Reach: 213,859
- Engagements: 53,202
- Audience: 61% Male, 38% Female, 1% Unidentified

Instagram

- Followers: 2955 (+4%)
- Reach: 161,940
- Engagements: 10,992
- Audience: 50% Male, 42% Female, 8% Unidentified

Twitter

- Followers: 6529 (+7%)
- Impressions: 818,700
- Profile visits: 57,348
- Audience: 74% Male, 26% Female

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- Views: 230,966
- Audience: 75% Male, 25% Female

Top Videos of 2022

1. **Carbon and Climate Catastrophe**
   - Dr. Patrick Moore
   - Carbon and Climate Catastrophe
   - 122,000 Views

2. **The Cost of Climate Alarmism**
   - Bjorn Lomborg
   - The Cost of Climate Alarmism
   - 52,000 Views

3. **What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn’t, and Why It Matters**
   - Steven E. Koonin, Ph.D.
   - What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn’t, and Why It Matters
   - 33,000 Views
LEGACY CIRCLE

To make permanent our Mission and Founding Principles, Steamboat Institute launched the Legacy Circle in 2020. Legacy Circle members pledge to include Steamboat Institute in their estate and deferred giving plans.

Legacy Circle members are acknowledged in our programs, on our website and at our annual Freedom Conference. In addition, Legacy Circle members are invited to special private receptions with speakers at certain Steamboat Institute events and will be invited to join in special trips to locations such as New York City or Washington, D.C. where we arrange special activities (such as personal tours of Fox News or Fox Business Channel, meeting high-profile leaders in government, media, business and entertainment, and other unique opportunities).

Thank you to those who have joined us in making this commitment to future generations of freedom loving Americans.

For more information about the Legacy Circle, please contact Jennifer Schubert-Akin: jsa@steamboatinstitute.org

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## 2022 REVENUE & EXPENSES

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**NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)**  

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“We are actually getting a closer and more in-depth look at all things climate change. Everybody has very specific views on it and how it really affects us and the world around us, but I've never been in a place that has gone so in depth about climate change, and it’s just really interesting to hear everybody’s positions on it.”
– Ethan Warrick, Colorado Mesa University Student and Energy and Climate Summit Scholarship Recipient

“I learned so much more than I ever would have doing research on my own or watching videos. There is something about that in-person interaction that just can’t be found anywhere else. The ideas shared during that weekend have given me a lot to think about and I believe they have set me on a path to investigating policy solutions that will protect our freedom.”
– Eve Gersh, 2022 Freedom Conference Scholarship Recipient and Emerging Leaders Council Member

“When people ask me what they can do to fight the speedy creep of socialism and critical race theory and every other thing undermining our nation, now I’m going to tell them to donate to the Steamboat Institute because they are fighting the way I want to fight, which is with information. They are kicking off another series of debates that will tour college campuses to expose college students to the ideas of liberty and free markets while pushing back on the ideas of socialism. Donate to them. Give them your support. They aren’t a think tank, they are a battle tank.”
– Mandy Connell, host of the Mandy Connell Show, KOA Radio and iHeart Media

“Steamboat has a habit of making certain that they are discussing the issues that are in the news and that matter most to all of us.”
– Philip Wegmann, Tony Blankley Senior Fellow

“Steamboat provided me with incredible support in ensuring the passage of the SC REACH Act. South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster signed into law the legislation I wrote requiring all SC college students to take a three-credit-hour class on the U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and the Federalist Papers to graduate. Steamboat worked with me on that initiative for years. Because of Steamboat’s help, every year 21,000 SC college students now read America’s founding documents for themselves. I have been honored to work with Steamboat the last three years. I am so grateful for Steamboat’s coaching, input, and mentorship.”
– Jameson Broggi, Emerging Leaders Council Member; 2021 Courage in Education Awardee

“The significance of this most civil and professional debate extends beyond the subject matter of climate change. The debate we witnessed gave hope that through the efforts of folks like the Steamboat Institute, the debaters and the open-minded attendees that politics, extremism and ideology can be put aside when an “all hands-on deck” approach is needed.”
– Kenneth Scissors, M.D. and Ray Pilcher, Campus Liberty Tour Debate Attendees, Cleantech Business Coalition members

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